



City of San Diego

## CITY COUNCIL

### MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 3, 2009

TO: Council President Ben Hueso

FROM: Councilmember Donna Frye

Councilmember Carl DeMaio

Councilmember Sherri Lightner

Councilmember Marti Emerald

RE: Request to Docket Council Governance Items at City Council

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Implementing the following reforms from the Council Governance Report is an important step forward in improving the processes of and public access to the City Council. We respectfully request that they be considered as action items at a hearing of the full City Council within 30 days:

#### Reform 1.2: Expand Use of Evening and District Meetings

Adopt the provision for one evening meeting per month, usually to be held at City Hall, on the first Monday of the month, from 4:30 – 9:00 pm. Specify that Non-Agenda Public Comment be included on this day;

#### Reform 2.2: Expand Access to the Docket

Any item requested by three city councilmembers in writing shall be docketed at full Council within 45 days of the request (not counting legislative recess weeks)-unless the requesting members request an alternative timeline with the Clerk.

A number of other recommendations not pertinent to the permanent rules from the Council Governance Report have been referred to various City Council committees for discussion. We look forward to these discussions and the opportunity for them also to be heard at the full City Council.

Thank you for your timely response in docketing the above items.

CC:

Honorable City Councilmembers

Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders

Jan Goldsmith, City Attorney

Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst

Liz Maland, City Clerk